

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEGUCI 03982 242113Z  
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-08 FEA-01 INT-05 OES-07 ERDA-07  
/043 W

-----039836 242115Z /73

P R 242046Z AUG 77

FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7653  
INFO USDOC WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY

UNCLAS TEGUCIGALPA 3982

MEXICO CITY FOR ROBERT H. WILCOX, S&T COUNSELOR/ERDA SCIREP

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, BTIO, ERDA, HO

SUBJ: HONDURAS WILL INVITE BIDS FOR OFFSHORE OIL CONCESSIONS

1. HONDURAS WILL ANNOUNCE THIS WEEK ITS DECISION TO INVITE, THROUGH OPEN INTERNATIONAL BIDDING, PROPOSALS FOR PETROLEUM CONCESSIONS. THE AREA OFFERED IS ENCOMPASSED IN THREE BLOCKS TOTALLING ABOUT 400,000 HECTARES LOCATED OFFSHORE BETWEEN HONDURAS' BAY ISLAND AND ITS EASTERN BOUNDARY WITH NICARAGUA. DEPARTMENTS OF STATE OR COMMERCE MAY WISH TO ALERT U.S. OPX COMPANIES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

2. INTERESTED FIRMS MAY, UPON PAYMENT OF A \$50,000 PARTICIPANT FEE, OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE CONCESSION AREAS AND BID DOCUMENTS FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

DIRECCION GENERAL DE MINAS E HIDROCARBUROS  
(MINISTERIO DE RECURSOS NATURALES)  
BOULEVARD A LA COLONIA KENNEDY  
TEGUCIGALPA, D.C., HONDURAS

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEGUCI 03982 242113Z

THE BID DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 20, 1977.

3. FURTHER DETAILS AND COPIES OF DECREES AUTHORIZING THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS AND AMENDING THE PETROLEUM LAW FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM AUGUST 26.

4. COMMENT: THE INCREASING BURDEN OF IMPORTING FUELS AND

SPECULATION THAT PETROLEUM DEPOSITS DISCOVERED RECENTLY IN GUATEMALA AND MEXICO MAY EXTEND INTO HONDURAS HAVE PROMPTED THE GOH TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN ITS OFFSHORE AREAS. WELLS COMPLETED BY UNION AND MOBIL OIL COMPANIES BETWEEN 1969 AND 1975 REVEALED INDICATIONS OF PETROLEUM, BUT HONDURAS REMAINS A NON-PRODUCER OF OIL. END OF COMMENT.

DRAFTER: ECOM:JWSTAHLMAN.  
STAHLMAN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PROPOSALS (BID), PETROLEUM CONCESSIONS, OFFSHORE OIL FIELDS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 24-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977TEGUCI03982  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770306-0372  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** TEGUCIGALPA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770826/aaaaavvn.tel  
**Line Count:** 71  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** e87b7053-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 30-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1493891  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** HONDURAS WILL INVITE BIDS FOR OFFSHORE OIL CONCESSIONS  
**TAGS:** ENRG, BTIO, HO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/e87b7053-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009